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Dr. Joshua Lederberg,
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Dear Josh,

Some time ago you were kind enough to endorse my application for funding a projected book, on The Genetic Revolution, for the Amer. Acad. Arts and Sciences. You will be pleased to know that we were eventually generously funded by Markey, MacArthur, and Rockefeller, and the book is now being published by the Johns Hopkins Univ. Press. Most of the chapters, by a dozen coauthors, are very good, and I think it will be a useful book. We chose the JHU Press, in preference to some larger publishers, because they seemed especially willing to promote it to the trade as well as to a scientific audience, and they will publish a paperback simultaneously with the hard cover, early next fall. Even though the subject is well worn by now the book is guaranteed some distribution, for we are funded to provide about 1000 complimentary copies to influential persons in public affairs, and to offer it to members of the Amer. Acad. at a large discount.

I wonder whether you would consider writing a Foreword. I am enclosing my Preface and the Table of Contents, and I will send the rest of the ms. if you are interested. It is complete except for a summarizing ch. on public policy by Harvey Brooks.

I hope you are enjoying your new, presumably more relaxed situation. I have been keeping busy primarily with the book, but also with other items on science and society, such as the enclosed piece for ASM News. At the moment it seems to me that the growing inroads of the govt. into the conduct of science may be a greater long-term threat than the resistance to genetic engineering.

With warm regards,

Berni

Bernard D. Davis



(X) and one of the best chapters, by Allan Campbell,

OK, Berni
I will write a
~~short~~ foreword.
What's the deadline?
Josh.

yes,
please
do.